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In connection with the above-referenced application, applicants submit herewith a certified copy of Japanese Patent Application Hei 8-185216 as filed on July 15, 1996, with the Patent Office in the country of Japan. Applicants petition for any necessary extensions of time for submission of this document. In addition, if there are any charges, or any credits, please apply them to Deposit Account No. 03-2095.

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